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1. (Twice Amended) An embedded electroconductive layer comprising:
any one of an opening part or a depressed part formed in an insulating

film on a substrate;

a barrier layer covering said opening part or said depressed part;

a metal growth promoting layer on said barrier layer, said metal growth

promoting layer being made of a material different from that of said barrier layer; and

an electroconductive layer embedded in said opening part or said

depressed part via said barrier layer and said metal growth promoting layer.

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5. (Twice Amended) An embedded electroconductive layer comprising:

any one of an opening part or a depressed part formed in an insulating

layer on a substrate;

a ground layer containing oxygen at a high concentration in the lower

part thereof and at a low concentration in the upper part thereof, and said ground layer

covering the surface of said insulating film in said opening part or said depressed part; and

an electroconductive layer embedded in said opening part or said depressed part via said

ground layer.